

House Resolution No. 2379

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Violet A. Long of Mountain Grove, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-fifth Birthday with a special celebration on May 10, 2008, at Triple V Studio; and

Whereas, on May 13, 1923, God brought a special gift to the Reverend Virgil and Ethel Smith Mathis with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Violet, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Violet Long will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Luel E. Long and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Violet Long has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Vernon Long, Connie Dake, and Linda Holland; six grandchildren, Lynn, Vicki, Tim, Rebekah, Jamey, and Ben; nine great-grandchildren, Chad, Shaina, Kelsey, Loren, Audrey, Jessica, Jeremiah, Jonas, and Malachi; and two great-great-grandchildren, Faith and Braylin; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Violet Long further distinguished herself by working on a dairy and chicken farm until her retirement and by being an accomplished fiddle player who has made numerous public appearances and recorded four CDs; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 85, Violet Long is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Violet Long at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Violet A. Long, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2379, adopted April 29, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker